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Appointment of Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders.

* 14 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) the principles governing the appointment of Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders;

(b) whether the District Magistrates and District Judges have to submit the names in consultation;

(c) whether the Government invariably accept their recommendations;

(d) whether there is a proposal under consideration to transfer the power to make those appointments to the Public Service Commission; and

(e) whether the High Court had been consulted in respect of rules governing those appointments?

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" (a) The character, ability and reliability of the candidates are taken into account in making the appointment.

" (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (c) Not invariably.

" (d) & (e) The answer is in the negative."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know if District Magistrates are required to submit all the names or only one name?"

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" They first call for applications. They send a list of names from this and of others who they think are suitable and could be recommended."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Are District Magistrates expected to submit names in the order of preference?"

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" Sometimes they do and sometimes they do not."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Do political considerations influence the choice of Public Prosecutors?"

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" I do not know what the hon. Member means. What is wanted is reliability and that is the criterion."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, if the High Court has anything to do in the matter of rules governing their appointments?"

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" The High Court cannot interfere with Government choosing its own lawyers."

Bonus to workers in the Lawrence Asylum Press.

* 15 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether, when the Lawrence Asylum Press was taken over by Government, the workers who continued to work even after the transfer of management to Government were promised bonus in addition to pension;

(b) whether those workers who have retired after the transfer to Government in 1913 are being paid pension only;

(c) whether the income from the assets of the Lawrence Asylum Press is being utilized for charities other than those intended for the benefit of the workers and their families;

(d) whether the Government have at any time considered the payment of bonus to workers who have retired after 1913 and who may retire hereafter for the period of service in the Lawrence Asylum Press out of the funds ostensibly ear-marked for the purpose; and

(e) whether the Government are contemplating to examine the whole question and do justice to workers for their faithful and loyal services?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—

"(a) to (d) A report has been called for from the Superintendent, Government Press.

"(e) There is no such proposal under consideration now."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to place the report on the table of the House after the Superintendent's reply has been received?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—

"I am not in a position to reply before the report of the Superintendent has been received. I suggest that the hon. Member puts a question during the next session of the House and then I may be able to give an answer."

Distribution of quinine.

* 16 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Forests be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of quinine available for distribution in this Province;

(b) what the sources of supply of quinine are;

(c) whether the available supply is enough to meet this Province's absolute minimum demand;

(d) what steps, if any, are being taken to produce or obtain more quinine;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have withheld some stocks of quinine; and

(f) whether the Government propose to cause enquiries to be made about the adequacy or inadequacy of quinine supplies?

THE HON. SRI B. VEERASWAMI :—"(a) The quantities of anti-malarial products available for distribution in this Province for the current year are—

(1) 16,000 lb. of quinine sulphate.
(2) 16,000 lb. of cinchona febrifuge.
(3) 2,000 lb. of totaquina.

} For a period of 12 months from 1st February 1946.